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Mr. Don Ostler, Director
Department of Environmental Quality
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RE: NPDES PERMIT UT-0022918

Dear Mr. Ostler:

According to the conditions of NPDES Discharge Permit UT-0022918, Part II-I-3 and Utah Coal Mining Rules R645-301-731.223, Canyon Fuel Company is providing the written notification of a failure to comply with the daily maximum limitation for TDS at outfall 003. The receiving stream for outfall 003 is Quitchupah Creek.

The daily maximum limit for TDS of 1200 mg/l was exceeded because the sample taken on December 5, 2001 had a TDS value of 1220 mg/l. The cause of this high TDS is believed to be associated with poor water quality from the old 3 West area. The 4 East longwall block was sealed during September. This resulted in a temporary cessation of flow from this area, since the pumps were removed and the area is being allowed to flood. Water will eventually be discharged from the lowest seal point in our East Mains once the area is flooded. We plan to mix additional better quality water with the water from the 3 West area. The enclosed graph of TDS and Flow illustrates the problem. The results of the December 5, 2001 sample were obtained by e-mail on December 27, 2001.

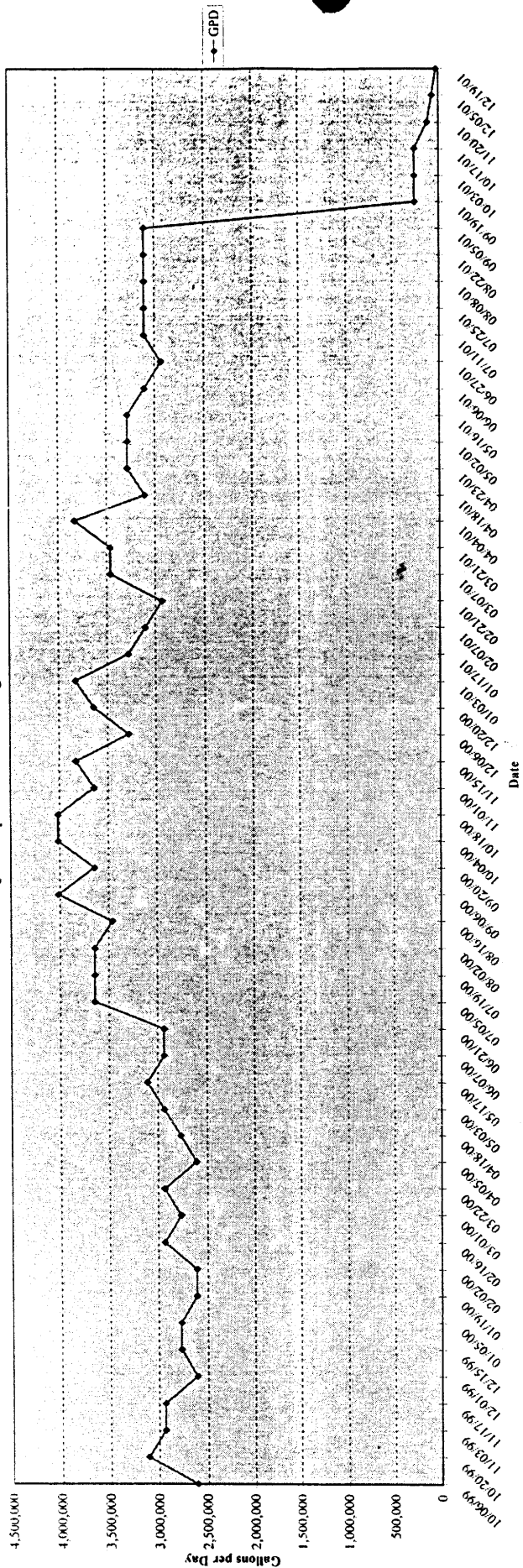
Sincerely,
CANYON FUEL COMPANY, LLC
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